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4TH GRADERS' SCORE HIGHEST IN ENTIRE STATE

Elba students score high on SAT

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Students enrolled in the Elba school system are in the spotlight with their outstanding SAT test scores. The 4th and 8th grade students at Elba Elementary School took the test during the past school year and both groups scored well above the national averages.

The fourth grade scores were the highest in the entire state according to records from the state department of education.

90% of the fourth grade students took the test exceeded the state and national averages in reading, while none of them scored below average.

88% of the eighth grade students taking the test met or exceeded the state and national averages in reading.

Both groups exceeded the national averages in mathematics and language arts.

Teachers and administrators in the elementary school are already addressing teacher workshops with the help of the school board.

Elba school board members met in special session recently to hear Federal Programs Coordinator John C. Windham and Assistant Principal Judy Killingsworth explain the steps taken which allowed the students to score so well.

Killingsworth responded with board members a report she made to the state superintendent of education

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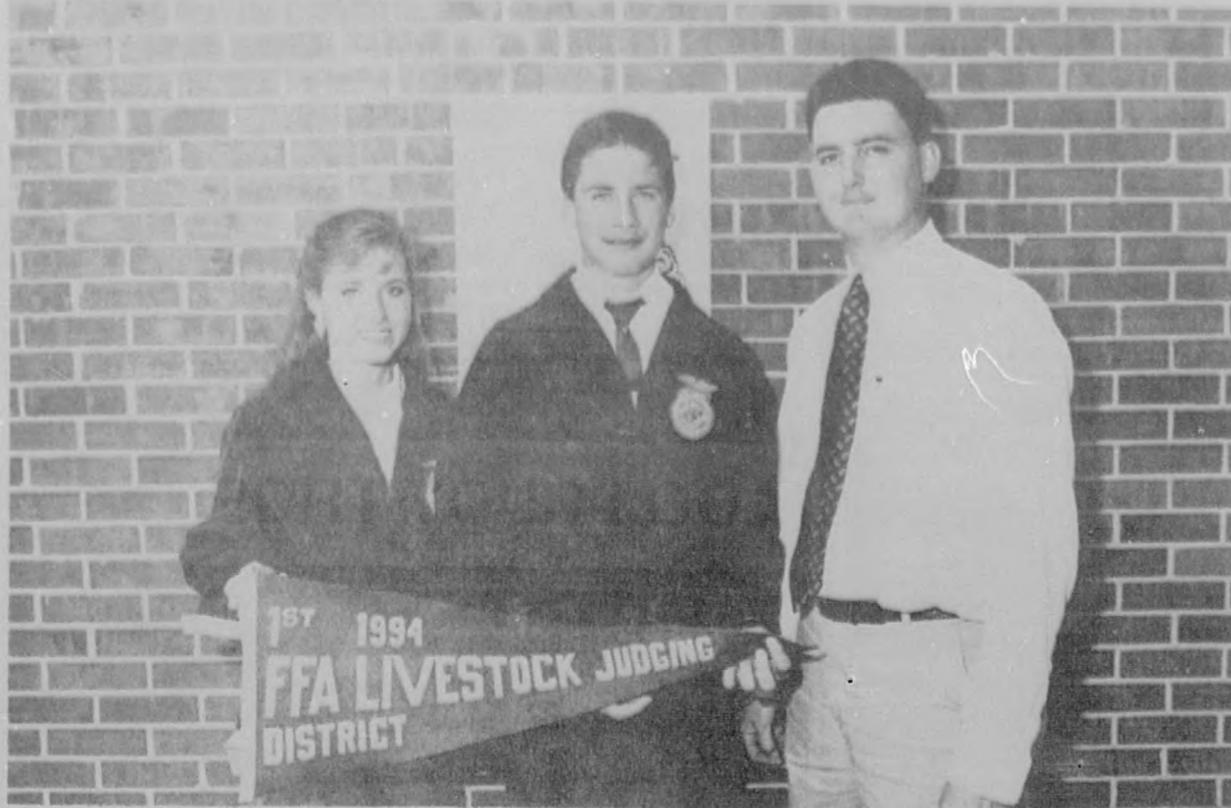
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FFA QUARTET WINNER... The Elba FFA Quartet won second place during the recent Southeast District Eliminations held in Troy on April 29. Members of this award-winning quartet are (l to r) Eric Cox, Melissa Hall, Ashley Savell, and Amanda Calhoun. Also pictured is FFA advisor and agribusiness education instructor at Elba High School, Brian Heaton. For their efforts, the team won a chapter banner and cash award.

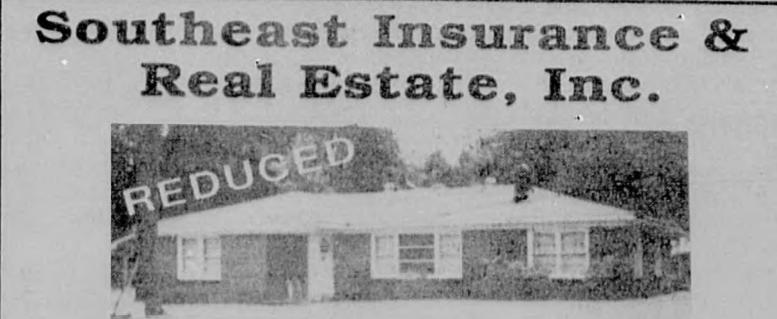
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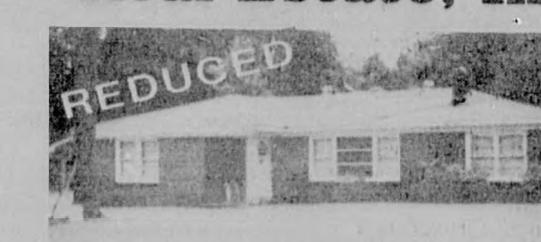
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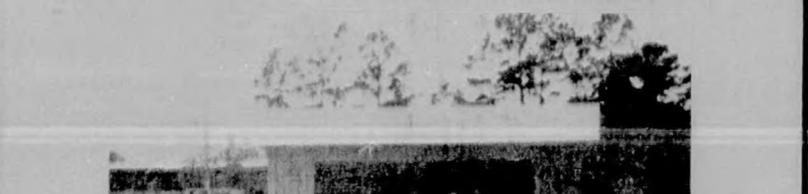
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1. Make only one (1) application of Classic at the rate of 0.5 ounce of product per acre. Add a non-ionic surfactant to the Classic spray mix at the rate of 1 qt. per 100 gallons.

2. Classic application can be made as early as 10 days after peanut emergence. At 60 days under ideal environmental conditions, peanuts should be lapping. You want good vegetative growth on your peanuts before spraying. Classic gives a good reduction for 7-10 days there will be no regrowth. So be sure you have some good vines before spraying.

3. Make application with ground equipment only. It can be tank mixed with Butoxone and Bravo formulations except sulfur containing formulations. Do not use sulfur crop oil as a carrier for Classic. Make application in the morning.

4. Classic is now labeled for use on Southernrunner Peanuts but you need to be careful that your Southernrunner Peanuts have pegged down now and for 7-10 days there will be no regrowth. So be sure you have some good vines before spraying.

5. Classic application with ground equipment only. It can be tank mixed with Butoxone and Bravo formulations except sulfur containing formulations. Do not use sulfur crop oil as a carrier for Classic. Make application in the morning.

6. Classic is a slow kill herbicide. Expect 7-10 days before you start to see results.

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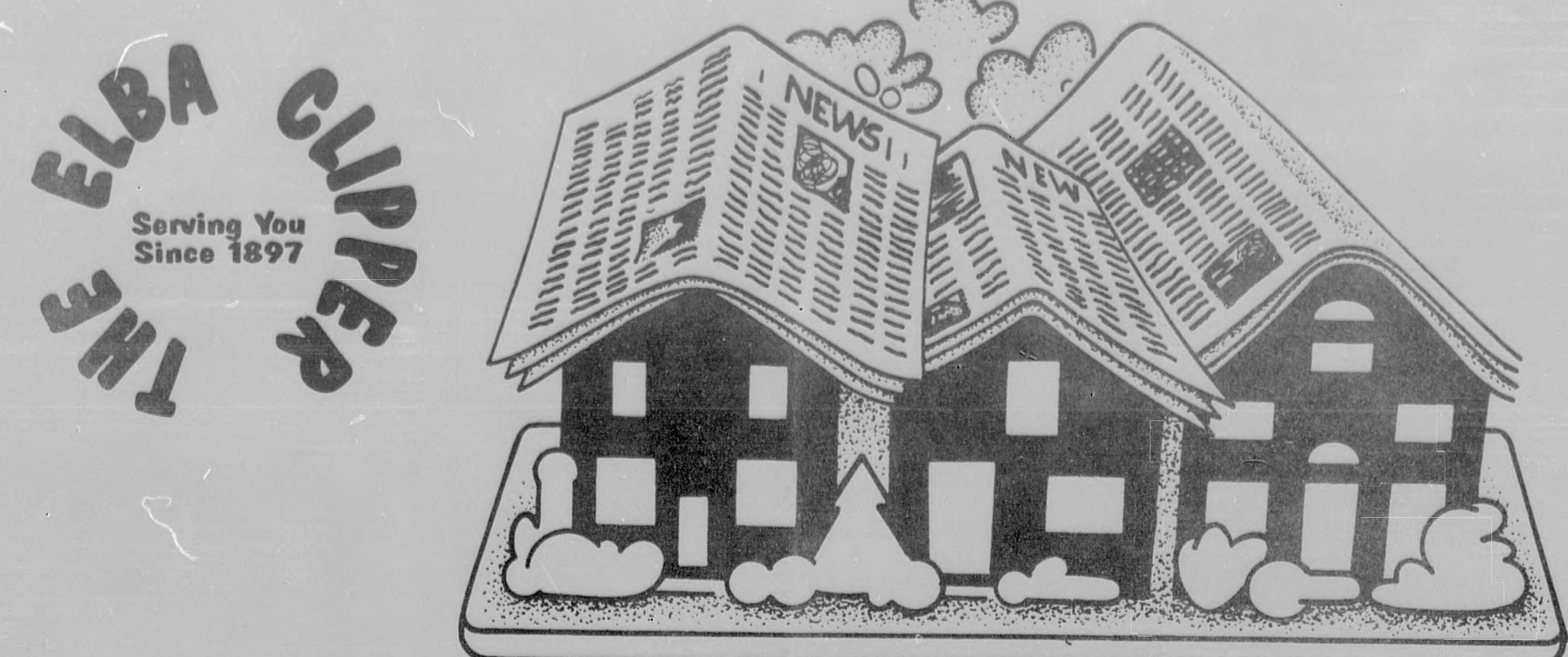
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FLOOD OF 1994 BAD BUT NOT AS BAD AS MARCH 1990 FLOOD

Elba residents battle Pea River's flood waters again

by Marvin McIlwain
Editor

On Wednesday of last week, July 6th, as the press rolled on that week's edition of *The Elba Clipper*, the news it contained was "old hat". A picture on the front page made note of the damage the Tropical Storm Alberto had caused as it moved through our area on Sunday, July 3rd.

Little did everyone know that the water was yet to come. It was thought that Alberto was to the north, NOT! The unique weather conditions that existed at the time caused the tropical depression to stall over the southeast (East Alabama & West Georgia) and the rains came and stayed.

The actual result was the Flood of 1994. For the City of Elba, this flood was not as bad - damage wise - as the March of 1990 Flood. Although to those whose homes were flooded there was little difference - a flood is a flood.

At 6:36 a.m. Wednesday morning, July 6th, the Pea River flowed lazily through Elba well within its banks at 15.46 feet but that soon changed.

With rain coming down steadily in Elba and to the north as well, the Pea River began to move upward and rose to 23.35 feet at 8:30 a.m.

Not only was the river beginning to rise, but Whitewater Creek was also showing all-to-familiar signs of being on the rise too. For the city of Elba, this was not good!

Between 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. the river had reached just over flood stage at 30.05 feet.

Residents of Elba had wasted no time in implementing evacuation plans for low lying areas outside the confines of the levee.

Residents on Smith Avenue and in the Riverview Subdivision were being moved to safety since that is the first area to receive flood damage from the rising waters of White Creek.

Tractors began pulling in trailers furnished by Dorsey Trailers and volunteers assisted by volunteers began moving the flood damaged items. Many other companies in the area volunteered and brought in vans to be used in the evacuation process.

By mid-afternoon, the evacuation was well under way as the waters continued to rise. Both the Pea and Whitewater Creek had cleared its banks most of the residents of Riverview and Smith Avenue had vacated their homes.

At 11:00 p.m., Wednesday night, July 6th, the river reading was at 35.35 feet and continued to rise, the Pea River was majorly upward and rose to 23.35 feet at 8:30 a.m.

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